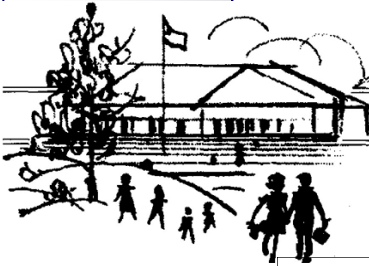


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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

Volume 9, Issue 1

"Providing Quality Service and Support to Graham County Schools"

Please visit our website

www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

We have the kindest, most dedicated students and staff members of any community out there. Our schools are often the generators of good deeds, and in turn, they are the recipients of the generosity of others.

On top of mastering rigorous curriculum, participating in well-rounded sports programs, musicals, and other extra-curricular activities, our students are learning, under our examples, to be good citizens.

In spite of the statistics showing American students in less than flattering light, Americans are still the leaders in innovation and creativity, which leads to jobs and productivity. As we kick off 2013, we shouldn't ever lose sight of all the gifts we are capable of giving to our students and their families.

Teachers are among the heroes that keep us strong.

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The Graham County School Office is a member of the East Central Regional Service Center—ECRSC—which includes Gila, Greenlee and Pinal counties.

Our Goal:

Provide Regionally –Based Service, Support and Technical Assistance, in Collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Education Innovation to Race to the Top Participating LEAs to Implement their LEA Scopes of Work

Dates to remember:

The Graham County General Services Building is now open for business M-Th. from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is closed on Fridays.

Jan. 1 New Year's Day

Jan. 12 K-12 "Virtual Economics" workshop—General Services Building

Jan. 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 29 AZ Common Core Trainer of Trainers Workshop (Day 1)

Jan. 31 AZ Common Core Trainer of Trainers Workshop (Day 2)

FREE 1/2 Day Workshops for K-12 Teachers!

Virtual Economics

Saturday January 12, 2013

Graham County General Services Building

Registration Deadline—Thursday Jan. 10, 2013

(Breakfast and lunch will be provided, so please get registered!)

K-5 teachers will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

6-12 teachers will meet from 12:30—3:30 p.m.

Take advantage of this opportunity to receive one of the most powerful curriculum-building tools ever produced! This workshop provides the resources you need to teach Arizona's economics standards at any grade level. Each participant receives, gratis, a copy of the *Virtual Economics* Flash drive, with over 1,400 activity-based lessons from more than 75 publications, 51 key economic concepts, and a glossary with over 500 terms.

This Workshop Features:

NO COST registration **NO COST** curriculum (over \$100 value)

Participation in activity-based lessons

Instruction on how to find the lessons you need

Certificate for 3 hours of attendance

TO REGISTER: Click on this link or cut and paste it into your browser: <http://tinyurl.com/TRBRegister>

Just a few of the curriculum packages included in this CD-ROM:

(K-5)

Teaching Economics Using Children's Literature

What is money?

Present wants vs. future savings

Why we trade

Fun Econ Songs for Kids

Mathematics and Economics

Economics in Action

The Great Economics Mysteries Books

The roles of resources, equipment and work

Just a few of the curriculum packages included in this Flash-Drive: (6-12)

The Great Economics Mysteries Books

Mathematics and Economics

Economics in Action

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Global Economics

Micro and Macroeconomics

Economics in the Constitution

Advanced Placement Economics

Ethics & Economics

Marginal Costs and Benefits

The Economics of Insurance

Impacts of economic freedom

Sponsored by the Thomas R. Brown Foundation and the Office of Economic Education—The University of Arizona



America's largest series of math contests

Graham and Greenlee Math Contest February 1 through February 7, 2013

The next Sumdog math contest is about to begin! This exciting math contest is taking place for all K-8 schools in Graham and Greenlee counties.

To take part, students answer math questions on the free Sumdog website. The online games adapt to each student's level, giving everyone a fair chance of winning. Students will have fun practicing their math facts and there are prizes to be won!



Sign up now!

www.sumdog.com/AZ

If you have questions or need help getting set up, you can email the Sumdog team at info@sumdog.com or give them a call at 1-877-978-6364



News from Paul Anger, *Director— EAC Discovery Park*

EASTERN ARIZONA SCIENCE INITIATIVE

2013 Eastern Arizona Regional Science Fair

- All Graham/Greenlee County and Southeastern Arizona school districts and Charter Schools are invited to participate.
- Each school will conduct their own Science Fair and the 1st place and 2nd place winning entries will be invited to display their project at the EAC Discovery Park Campus to compete against other schools winners.
- 3 levels: 5th & 6th Grades, 7th & 8th Grades, and an “open class” all high school levels.
- 3 categories: Earth Science / Life Science / Physical Science (selected by judges).
- 1st, and 2nd Place Winners in each category will receive trophies, all participants will receive participation ribbons and certificates.

1st Place Winners in each category will receive a full tuition scholarship to attend the
2013 EASI Summer Science Camp hosted by *EAC Discovery Park Campus*
(June 17–19 for 5th -6th Grade), (June 24- 26 for 7th -8th Grade)
or
(June 24- 28 for High School).

- All projects will be judged by EAC Science Faculty and Upper Level Science Instructors.
- Displays must be set up at Discovery Park Campus on Thursday, March 14th.
- Judging will be completed on Friday, March 15th (Closed to the public).

Open viewing at the EAC Discovery Park “Circle D” Barn on:
Thursday, March 14th from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Friday, March 15th from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday, March 16th from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Eastern Arizona Regional School Districts:

Blue School District	Morenci School District
Bonita School District	Pima School District
Bowie School District	Safford School District
Clifton School District	San Simon School District
Discovery Plus Academy	Solomon School District
Duncan School District	Thatcher School District
Elfrida School District	Triumphant Learning Center
Ft. Thomas School District	Willcox School District

Discovery Park Campus
1651 W. Discovery Park Blvd.
Safford, AZ 85546
928-428-6260
paul.anger@eac.edu



Kindergarten Developmental Inventory Update

A few months ago, I wrote an article about the upcoming AZ Kindergarten Developmental Inventory (KDI) and promised occasional updates. Following is information gained from a November 14th publication from First Things regarding progress to date.

Why is the inventory being developed? “Given the implementation of *Arizona’s Common Core Standards* and *Move on When Reading* and the essential learning that occurs in kindergarten, it is important that kindergarten teachers have an assessment tool that guides instructional strategy. In addition, with First Things First implementing *Quality First* (a statewide quality improvement and rating system) now more than ever, alignment between preschool and early elementary grades is critical.”

Who is facilitating this initiative? First Things First (FTF) and Arizona Department of Education (ADE) are taking the lead. The Piper Trust is providing funding and is a partner in the process.

What is the Purpose? During the summer of 2012 a work team led by John Huppenthal, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Rhian Allvin, CEO of First Things First, collectively agreed on the purpose statement for KDI: “To provide a kindergarten developmental inventory tool that allows parents, teachers and administrators to understand the extent of a child’s learning and development at the beginning of kindergarten to provide instruction that will lead to the child’s academic success. The tool that is developed or adopted will align with the *Arizona Early Learning Standards* and *Arizona’s Common Core Standards* for kindergarten, cover all essential domains of school readiness (physical and motor development, social and emotional development, approaches to learning, language development and cognitive development) and it will be reliable and valid for its intended use.”

How is this being developed? A task force representing 23 stakeholders from education agencies and early learning organizations will be formed by January to serve as advisors to the process and the product. They will submit a final report to ADE, FTF and the Piper Trust by June 30, 2013.

What is the timeline for implementation for KDI? Implementation is scheduled for the 2014-15 school year.

This should be interesting to watch! I will keep you posted!

Spelling Bee Information

The Graham County Spelling Bee, which serves as the qualifier for the Arizona State Spelling Bee, will take place on **February 6, 2012.**

School District Spelling Bee Timeline:

December 2012 until January 11, 2013: Schools plan and hold their school bees

January 28, 2013: Districts bees must be held and winners reported to the county office

February 18, 2013: County and Regional Bees must be held by this date

March 4, 2013: Biography forms from each county/regional winner must be submitted

March 23, 2013: Arizona Spelling bee will be held in Phoenix at Eight/AZ PBS

Late May / Early June 2013: Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held in Washington, D.C.

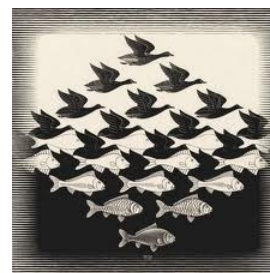
Good luck to all spellers!



Commonly misspelled words:

a lot (two words) affect/effect believe cemetery committee definitely desert/dessert
embarrass exceed gauge its/it's license maintenance
principal/principle receive/receipt separate their/they're/there
vacuum weather/whether

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, (GFWC) Woman's Club of Safford will be hosting their third annual "High School Senior Art Show" in March 2013. Three \$200 scholarship prizes will be awarded. For more information, teachers or students may contact the Woman's Club by calling President Debbie Burnett at 928-965-8959. All entries will be judged by members of the Art Guild of Eastern Arizona. A "People's Choice" winner will be selected by the public who visit during the show and cast votes. Additional information will be sent to each high school in Graham County, but it's not too early to start planning! The Woman's Club of Safford is located at 412 W. Main Street in Safford.



Save the Date!

Free Project Archaeology Teacher Workshop

Investigating a Slave Cabin

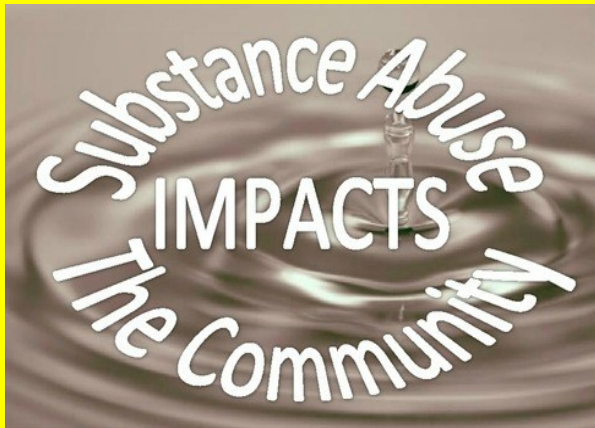
Using Archaeology to Teach Historical Inquiry and Study Culture

February 22, 4:00—7:30 p.m. and February 23, 8:00—4:00 p.m.

Bureau of Land Management—711 S. 14th Ave. Safford

Register Online - www.graham.az.gov School Office

8th Annual Graham and Greenlee Substance Abuse Awareness Conference 2013



Save the Date!

April 24, 2013

at Eastern Arizona College

Activity Center

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Special Guest Presenter: Bobby Petrocelli

BUILDING A DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

**Sponsored by: Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and the
Greenlee County Substance Abuse Coalition**

For more information contact:

928-348-1751

Or

928-348-1756

Safford, Arizona 85546



You CAN do the Rubik's Cube Tournament

Join the fun! All schools, after school, and other "Not for Profit" community youth organizations in the State of Arizona, serving ages K-12 can participate. The Tournament will consist of teams of eight students in K-12 plus a teach/coach.

Visit the Website:

www.pbslearningmedia.org/innovators

Exploration Wednesdays

The smart and popular science and nature-based programming block is back!

Join us on *Exploration Wednesdays* as we take viewers on journeys of discovery with new back-to-back episodes of *Nature*, *Nova* and *Nova scienceNOW*.

Visit the website:

www.video.pbs.org/video

Tips for Parents of Babies

It's never too early to read to your baby. As soon as your baby is born, he or she starts learning. Just by talking to, playing with, and caring for your baby every day, you help your baby develop language skills necessary to become a reader. By reading with your baby, you foster a love of books and reading right from the start.



Design Squad Showing Off Our Stylish Side

Dream it. Build it. Live it.

Proving that engineering, science and style go hand in hand, the popular webzine Future-ist recently released its 2012 Stylish Scientist List." The list takes into account self expression, communication style...and overall creativity.

pbskidsgo.org/designsquad

Teaching Channel

Looking for information on how to use technology in the science classroom? Do you crave current, thought-provoking social students videos and lesson plans? Maybe you're trying to find innovative ways to captivate middle and high school students, or want more information about different inquiry-based strategies.

www.teachingchannel.org

Get the Math

Get the Math is designed to help students understand real-world applications of Algebra I. Interrelated video segments and interactive tools support learning of algebraic concepts related to music, fashion, videogames, restaurants, basketball and special effects. Note! The next webinar is on Dec. 5th!

www.thirteen.org/get-the-math/teachers/overview

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Investigate AZ PBS LearningMedia

PBS Learning Media provides instance access to over 20,000 classroom-ready, digital resources including video, interactives, audio, images and detailed lesson plans. You can search, save and share easily. Begin using this free resource today!

Create a free account or log in at <http://az.pbslearningmedia.org/>

[Workshops Available](#)

For more information, or to schedule a free educator presentation or workshop, please contact Mark Becker, ASSET—Educational Outreach at mark.becker@asu.edu or 602-496-1696

[Webinars Available](#)

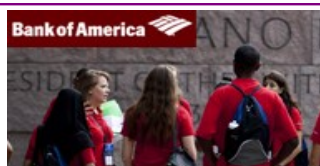
If you would like to check out the system during a free 45 minute webinar, register at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEphMXE0Y3NWQk5kMHB4dVA2dWVxSIE6MA>



Arizona Centennial Tribute

O'Connor House is pleased to present an Arizona Centennial Tribute featuring conversations between retired Sandra Day O'Connor and noted political leaders.

Sundays at noon on Eight, Arizona PBS KAET Channel 8



Providing Inspiration and Tools for Tomorrow's Leaders

Preparing high school students for leadership is an essential component of our community investments.

www.about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact



This Winter on American Experience

The American Experience 20113 winter broadcast schedule has been announced! Check out the lineup and watch the season overview.

www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/blog/2012

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Eight Educational Outreach-ASSET Professional Development Team

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Arizona StoryMakers Writing Contest

Arizona students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade can submit an entry to Eight's **StoryMakers** middle school writing contest. The contest is open to any Arizona resident who is a 6th, 7th or 8th grade student.

Each participant must submit an original, single authored fiction or non-fiction story with a minimum of 500 and a maximum of 1000 words. Text must be typed in 12 point Times New Roman and double spaced. Any failure to adhere to these contest rules will result in disqualification.

Stories may be fiction or non-fiction.

The contest deadline for Arizona students is February 22, 2013.

To Enter:

Each participant and his or her parent/guardian must completely fill out, print and submit the [online entry form](#). Hardcopies of the story and entry form must then be mailed to the address listed on the entry form. Limit **one** entry per participant. In the event of multiple entries, the first entry will be entered in the contest and all other entries will be ignored.

Learn more about the full contest rules at asset.aus.edu/new/story_makers.html

Spread the word and encourage your colleagues to have their students participate as well!

Need Assistance?

Call 602-496-1696 **or** email mark.becker@asu.edu

Special thanks to the CenturyLink Foundation and the Arizona CenturyLink Pioneers

Google Lit Trips

<http://www.googlelitrrips.com/GoogleLit/Home.html>

http://www.googlelitrrips.com/GoogleLit/Getting_Started.html

So what exactly are Google Lit Trips?

The short version is simple. Google **Lit Trips** are **free downloadable files that mark the journeys of characters from famous literature on the surface of Google Earth**. At each location along the journey there are place marks with pop-up windows containing a variety of resources including relevant media, thought provoking discussion starters, and links to supplementary information about "real world" references made in that particular portion of the story.

Free 30 day trial *TCI Geography Alive!*

Sign up for a free 30 day trial here: <http://subscriptions.teachtci.com/teacher/w8nmx52>

TCI 30-day trials give you access to all of the resources and features of the Teacher Subscription—Classroom Presentations, procedures and materials, ideas for differentiating instruction—for every lesson in the program. 30 accompanying Student Subscriptions are included so that you can gauge your students' response to the program. TCI wants you to kick the proverbial tires, try everything...really put us through the wringer! If you wish to order, visit the online store to purchase a subscription or call 800-497-6138, ext. 0 and to place an order.

The Dirksen Congressional Center

You can get all the **basics on government**, lessons to help you teach it both historically and up to the minute, from this site.

<http://webcommunicator.org/index.htm#about>

Communicator - A Web-based Newsletter Providing Educators with News and Ideas to Enhance Civic Education and Improve the Understanding of Congress

This publication is a collection of featured classroom resources and teacher topics drawn from information posted on The Dirksen Center's Web suite.

Congress of Kids: <http://www.congressforkids.net/>

CongressLink: <http://www.congresslink.org/> |

Today's Congress, Congress – The Basics, Congress

Gapminder World

<http://www.gapminder.org/>

Bring Geographic statistics to life at Gapminder! This is a **data rich, excellently organized and highly graphic** site. There is a teacher section with tutorials. There are downloads of handouts and lesson plans in PDF format. If you don't have Internet access in your classroom, you may download "GapMinder Desktop", load what you want and then show that in your classroom without Internet access. (Personal note: I got so involved in all the permutations available I spend way more time on this site than I intended. Totally fun and fascinating as well as informative.)

Teaching AP Human Geography?

http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/collections/ap-human-geography/?ar_a=1&force_AR=True

National Geographic Education has created a portal on the NatGeoEd.org website for AP Human Geography teachers to visit for teaching and learning resources, including classroom activities, videos, maps, background reading material, and more. The new portal organizes content from National Geographic Education by each of the major topics taught in the AP Human Geography course. The collection will grow over time as new content aligning to the course topics is published online.

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Arizona Geographic Alliance | Arizona State University | School of Geographical Sciences & Urban Planning | P O Box 875302 | Tempe, AZ 85287-5302 | cathy.davis@asu.edu | 480-965-5361 * fax 480-965-8313 <http://alliance.la.asu.edu/azga/>

The ST4STEM grant at the Maricopa Community Colleges is offering an online course and fellowship for high school CTE teachers in specific STEM disciplines. HOWEVER, it is also an OPEN CONTENT COURSE, which means any teacher, anywhere, can also participate - for free! While the course is geared for CTE teachers, it still has much to offer teachers in other disciplines and grades. So...if you are interested in learning about technology integration, design-based learning and instruction, and transforming how you teach, spend the spring semester with us! **Non-CTE teachers will receive a certificate of accomplishment if they finish the course!**

Course begins January 15, 2013. For more information and to register: **CTE teachers** please visit <https://st4stem.wikispaces.com/Welcome+to+ST4STEM>, and **non-CTE teachers** please visit <https://st4stem.wikispaces.com/Open+Content+Course> and register as a "non-grant participant."

DuPont Challenge – 7-12 grade science students essay contest

For more information on classroom use and the competition, visit the DuPont Challenge website <http://thechallenge.dupont.com/>

The 2013 DuPont Challenge is a competition for 7–12 grade students to research and write a 700- to 1000-word science essay on any one of four categories:

Together, we can **feed** the world,
 Together, we can build a secure **energy** future,
 Together, we can **protect** people and the environment,
 Together, we can be **innovative** anywhere.

Submissions will be accepted between November 15, 2012, and January 31, 2013. Prizes total \$100,000 including U.S. Savings Bonds for all our winners and a special awards trip to Orlando, Florida, for the top two students in each division, to be joined by a parent and sponsoring teacher.

2013 HIGH TECH U TEACHER ACADEMY - Sponsored by the Boeing Foundation and presented in collaboration with the ST4STEM Grant

Teams of in-service high school teachers are invited to apply for Fellowships to attend the 2013 High Tech U Teacher Academy.

DATES: March 8 – 9, 2013

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS:

For each team member, Fellowships include:

1. Academy Registration, valued at \$400, for SEMI High Tech U Teacher Academy March 8 & 9 (includes continental breakfast and lunch on both days).
2. 15 hours of professional development upon successful completion of SEMI High Tech U Teacher Academy.
3. \$100 Reimbursement to the participants' schools to cover the cost of a substitute for the teacher's absence on Friday, March 8th.
4. \$100 stipend for each teacher's successful completion of SEMI High Tech U Teacher Academy.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: 5:00pm, Monday, January 28, 2013

MORE INFORMATION: For specific details, and to apply, visit: www.semihtuteachers.org.

CONTACT: Xaxiri Yamane, HTU Program Coordinator, 480-731-8050, xaxiri.yamane@domail.maricopa.edu

NASA Releases Interactive Space Communications Mobile Game App

For links to download the app, download the game or play in a web browser, visit <http://nasa.gov/OFkcot>. NASA has released a new mobile application that challenges gamers to take on the role of space communications network manager and puts them in charge of building a communications network to support scientific missions.

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<http://alliance.la.asu.edu/azga/>
 976 S Forest Mall, Coor Bldg, Fifth Floor, Room 5677 (Zip 85281)

Goethe Study Tours of Germany

<http://goethe.de/ins/us/lp/prj/top/txl/enindex.htm>

The Transatlantic Outreach Program seeks to find the best and most qualified Social Studies educators and give them the opportunity to experience Modern Germany in the most dramatic way possible: *in person*. **Deadline for application submission is February 1, 2013.**



Grant Funding Alerts

It's never too early to start working on a grant!

Verizon Foundation Grants

Deadline: Continuous, Jan.- Oct.

Elementary and secondary schools registered with the National Center for Education Statistics, as well as eligible nonprofits, may apply for grants of up to \$10,000. Verizon awards grants to innovative, technology-based approaches to literacy and K-12 education.

www.verizonfoundation.org

The Lawrence Scadden Teacher of the Year Award in Science Education for Students with Disabilities

Deadline: January 20, 2013

Open to All current K-12 teachers (general education, special education, or science teachers, public or private); Must have taught at least 5 years; Must have made an outstanding contribution to science students with disabilities.

http://science.nsta.org/enewsletter/2012-12/Leadership_GrabBag.htm

Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants

Deadline: January 31, 2013

More than 16 million children live in food insecure homes, not always sure where their next meal will come from. Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants of \$500 are available for youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees and other community members to address childhood hunger.

www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth

Intel Community Grants

Deadline: Quarterly (Next is Feb. 1)

Intel Corporation is committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in the communities where the company has a major presence. Intel vigorously supports education through grants for programs that advance science, math and technology education, particularly for women and underserved populations.

<http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/corporate-responsibility/applying-for-grants.html>

Christopher Columbus Awards

Deadline: February 4

The Christopher Columbus Awards is a national, community based science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program for middle school students. Eight finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World and compete for cash prizes.

www.christophercolumbusawards.com

Association of American Educator Classroom Grants

Deadline: March 1, 2013

AAE's Classroom grants (average amount: \$500) can be used for a variety of projects and materials, including but not limited to books, software, calculators, math manipulatives, art supplies, audiovisual equipment, and lab materials. Classroom grants are available to all educators. There is also a Teacher PD scholarship available.

www.aateachers.org

KaBOOM! Spruce Project Grants

Deadline: Rolling

Are you itching to serve? Organize your friends, clean up a playground, and you can be come eligible for \$750, courtesy of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. The grant is part of the Let's Play initiative to get kids and families active.

<http://grants.kaboom.org>

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. Grants

STEM Innovation Grants

Apply by March 1, 2013

Please visit www.freeportinmycommunity.com

Click on: Schools or Our Programs

2013 Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest

Entry forms for the 2013 Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest will be mailed to all 7th—12th Grade Arizona school principals. This year's theme is "What is My Commitment to Civic Engagement?" Deadline for submission is Friday January 18, 2013. Nine student winners will be invited to attend a lunch and ceremony on Arizona Statehood Day, Thursday February 14th, 2013 at the State Capitol. For more information, you can contact:

Melissa Kovalsky, Executive Assistant Arizona Educational Foundation 480.421.9376

Imagine Arizona—\$25,000 Teacher Lesson Plan Contest Spring 2013

The Arizona Experience's Teachers' Center invites Arizona's teachers to share original lesson plans as part of our "Imagine Arizona" lesson plan contest. With support from Microsoft Research, the contest will distribute cash awards totaling \$25,000. The contest is open to all full-time teachers, grades 4 through 12, from any accredited Arizona school including charter, alternative, private and tribal schools. To compete all you need do incorporate material from the [Arizona Experience](http://www.arizonaexperience.org) into an original, 3-7 day lesson plan unit. Then implement the lesson in the classroom and submit a description to us by March 10, 2013. Create an original lesson plan using our dynamic online material or liven up an old standby with videos, oral histories, interactive maps, timelines, or other media from the Arizona Experience. Winners will be announced on May 10, 2013. We encourage you, too, to use Microsoft Research's free, online [Layerscape](http://layerscape.com) tool to enliven and transform your lesson plan. The subject matter is solely at the discretion of the teacher or team but elements of the lesson plan must conform to state education standards. A key objective is to provide teachers with the online resources and tools to galvanize lesson plans and meet the needs of Arizona K-12 students. In this era of digital media, it is essential to bring this technology into the classroom. The site is loaded with subject matter for the classroom, ranging broadly from Arizona lands and natural resources to our past, present, and future. Find pages on water, minerals and energy, human history and culture, biotechnology and life sciences, sports and recreation, aerospace science, innovation and the 21st century workforce, and more. For information on *Imagine Arizona* contest details - timing, structure, essential elements, conditions and awards - visit www.arizonaexperience.org.

Contact Information: Michael Conway Geologic Extension Service | Arizona Geological Survey 416 W. Congress, Ste # 100, Tucson, AZ 85701 contest@arizonaexperience.org 520.209.4146

Disney Friends for Change Grants

Deadline: February 10, 2013

This program offers young people across the U.S. the chance to make lasting, positive change in the world, awarding \$1,000 grants for youth-led service projects that demonstrate youth leadership, creativity, and a commitment to making a positive impact on the community.

Youth ages 5-18 are eligible.

Visit the website:

www.ysa.org/grants/Disney-friends-change-grants

DoSomething.org Seed Grants

Deadline: ongoing

Are you working to start a community action project or program with your friends? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? A \$500 DoSomething Seed Grant is given out every week to help young people like you!

Visit the website:

www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants

Arizona Common Core Standards Resources



Arizona educators, families and others can find out all information regarding Arizona's Common Core Standards by visiting the following website:

ArizonaCommonCore.org

Preparing Arizona students for college, career and life

Across the state, **Arizona's Common Core Standards** are being implemented to ensure that all students have the academic knowledge and skills they need to be successful in college, career and life. To support their implementation, the Arizona Public Engagement Task Force—an independently formed statewide collaborative of more than 30 organizations—has worked in partnership with the Arizona Department of Education to provide information and resources to parents, educators, students and business leaders about the standards. The Task Force has also created the Arizona's Common Core Standards *Communications Tool Kit* that provides superintendents, principals, teacher and other community leaders with the tools to communicate to families and community members about the standards.

For more information, visit ArizonaCommonCore.org

The Graham County School Office Education Service Agency (ESA) in conjunction with the East Central Regional Service Center, started providing Common Core training to our educators in late 2011. Training for English Language Arts coaches will take place in late January. Math coaches will be trained in the spring and we will continuously offer Common Core throughout the spring, summer, and into next school year.

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The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. It's free to Graham County students. Visit the library's homepage at www.cityofsafford.us and click on the Homework Help icon. This will lead you to the icon for Tutor.com. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is great service!

The library has partnered with First Things First to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!



The SE Arizona Workforce Connection team promotes and supports a workforce system that offers employers, workers and communities across Cochise, Graham and Greenlee Counties workforce solutions that achieve and sustain economic prosperity.

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New to the area? Need information?

The Graham County Resource Center is a one-stop shop to find information on all services offered in Graham Co.

It is open Mon.—Fri. from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

301-B East 4th Street (across from the Safford Bowling Alley) Safford, AZ 85546 928-428-7231

THE FLU CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS

The seasonal flu (influenza) can lead to a number of complications that include:

- Pneumonia
- Bronchitis
- Sinus infections
- Ear infections



Many Americans and people worldwide die each year from pneumonia and other health problems caused by the seasonal flu. The flu is spread by a virus which usually spreads from person to person through coughs and sneezes. Even if you are not in a high-risk group, the flu can make you feel ill for several days. That is why the hygiene tips covered below are important for staying healthy.

Hygiene Tips: Wash your hands often!

After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose

After using the bathroom or changing diapers

Before and after preparing and eating food

After touching an animal or its waste

After handling garbage or doing yard work

When caring for someone who is hurt or sick

Whenever they are visibly dirty

Keep an alcohol-based hand sanitizer nearby

o Use it when water isn't available or hands aren't visibly dirty.

o Make sure it contains at least 60% alcohol

Keep surfaces clean:

□ Pay special attention to things that people touch a lot, such as door handles, kitchen and bathroom surfaces, desks, phones, keyboards and tables.

□ Germs can live for hours in or on these places

□ Use a disinfectant

Don't share personal items:

□ Cups, straws and eating utensils

□ Toothbrushes

□ Towels, washcloths and handkerchiefs

Be sure to get a flu vaccination every year for you and your family!

People need a new annual flu vaccine because flu viruses often change from year to year. Flu vaccines are created to try to match predicted annual changes in flu viruses. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.

